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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOOD SITUATION IN ZAIRE

1. IN DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS, FRENCH STRESSED IMPORTANCE
OF COMBAT RATIONS. DO YOU SHARE THIS EVALUATION? IF SO,
DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE THAT RATIONS HAVE, IN FACT, REACHED
TROOPS AND ARE USED? SHOULD WE PLAN TO SEND MORE? HOW
MUCH?

2. BELGIAN MINISTER CAHEN REPORTS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH
BELGIAN SOCIOLOGIST DOUCY (AN OLD ZAIRIAN HAND), WHO
RETURNED VERY SHOCKED FROM RECENT VISIT TO KINSHASA,
WHERE HE VISITED CITE AND REPORTED HE HAD NEVER SEEN
SITUATION SO BAD, WITH POPULATION LACKING BASIC SUPPLIES,
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AND TOO DEPRESSED EVEN TO GO OUT IN USUAL KINSHASA
FASHION ON SATURDAY NIGHT. IS THIS AN ACCURATE
DESCRIPTION?

3. WE ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF DIVERTING PL-480
SUPPLIES FROM OTHER SOURCES, IN EVENT EMBASSY CAN MAKE
CAS: FOR REAL NEED. THERE ARE NO SUPPLIES ON THE HIGH

SEAS, BUT THERE MAY BE SOMETHING FURTHER BACK IN THE
PIPELINE THAT WE COULD TAP.

4. WOULD QUICK CONCLUSION OF SSA LOAN BE HELPFUL IN
IMPROVING PSYCHOLOGICAL MOOD OF URBAN POPULATION, AND
IF SO, FOR WHAT SORT OF IMPORTS?

5. CAN YOU SUGGEST WAYS WE COULD TRY AND CONTROL
DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTS TO SEE THAT THEY REACH THE
POPULATION E.G., (THROUGH MISSIONARY CHANNEL).
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